

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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FIFTH COLUMN EVIDENCE
The Dies investigating committee now has documentary evidence of Nazi fifth column operations in the U. S. so explosive that its publication might lead to a complete rupture of diplomatic relations with Germany.

Because of this the committee has been nervously sitting on the load of dynamite, uncertain what to do. It has consulted the state department, which is just as jittery itself. In fact, even more so. The department foresees the inevitable necessity of demanding the recall of a number of German diplomatic representatives, with certain retaliation by Berlin by the ousting of U. S. officials. In the present delicate state of U. S.-Axis relations, the department doesn't want to run that risk.

So on its urgent advice, the committee is sitting tight and continuing its secret probe of the subversive activities. The documentary evidence in the possession of the committee is staggering. It definitely establishes:

1. That the Nazi government is directly supervising and financing a nationwide fifth column campaign to oppose and obstruct the defense program, the U. S. government's foreign policy and aid to Great Britain.
2. That this activity is being carried on through German consulates and German-controlled papers, plus propaganda agencies of various kinds.
3. That Nazi consuls get detailed instructions from Berlin through regular short-wave broadcasts in code.

Column Fuehrer

Suspected master mind of the Nazi fifth column is Dr. Manfred Zapp, head of the Trans-Ocean News Service, a propaganda outfit with offices in New York and Washington. Zapp came to this country after being booted out of South Africa by the British government.

Two of the consuls implicated in the evidence the committee has turned over to the state department are Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, at San Francisco, and Herbert Scholz, at Boston.

Scholz has been closely associated with Friedrich Ernst Auhagen, Nazi lecturer for "The American Fellowship Forum," who was seized in Los Angeles recently as he was attempting to board a ship for Japan. The committee is holding Auhagen as a key witness.

Other evidence in its possession discloses the existence of a secret Fascist army in the U. S. running into the thousands. Chief organizers of this force have been the German-American Bund, the Ku Klux Klan and other "nationalistic" groups.

LOST LIBRARY

The favorite story of the President's at present is about a library that burned down in Georgia. Here's how he tells it to callers:

A Georgia politico called on him with a sorrowful plea to use his influence to get a WPA grant for a new library.

"What happened to the old one?" asked the President.

"It was destroyed by fire," replied the visitor sadly. "And Mr. President, I fear for the literacy of my home folks if a new library isn't built quickly. No town should be without a library. It's a great cultural influence."

"Absolutely," agreed the President. "How long has your town been without a library?"

"Seventy-six years."

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"Yes, sir, Sherman burned it down."

LOCAL AIR BASES

The army air corps isn't saying anything publicly, but it is making a quiet survey of all airports in the country for the purpose of locating new bases and training centers.

Objective behind the plan is to secure the greatest possible dispersion of air forces necessary for defense. Four cities already have been selected: New Orleans, West Palm Beach, Fla., Tallahassee, Fla., and Augusta, Ga.

CAPITAL CHAFF

New French Ambassador Henri-Haye was asked about French wine stocks. He said, "The Germans took France, and I'm sure they found their way into the cellars. I wouldn't be surprised if all the good bottles have gone somewhere."

The Italian ambassador, Prince Colonna, has been in Washington more than a year, but has not yet sent his card, according to protocol, to the Czech minister. This is Italy's way of refusing to recognize that Czechoslovakia still exists.

While Gen. Hugh Johnson, ex-NRA boss, was blasting at Elliott Roosevelt for being given a "paper work" assignment as an air corps captain, Johnson's son, Capt. Kilbourne Johnson, a regular army officer, got himself a desk job in the office of the selective service administrator.

Bernarr MacFadden, health columnist, magazine owner and big Florida realty owner, may take another whirl for the senate. He is angling with Florida G. O. P. leaders to get his name on the party ballot against Democratic Senator Charles Andrews.

Walter Winchell

Things I Never Knew 'Til Now

(About K. Rockne & Football)

The reason most football players wear silk trousers is because it's hard for an opponent to get a grip on them. . . . Twenty-five years ago, football was considered so "brutal" that the legislatures of half a dozen states passed a law making it a penal offense to play the game. . . . "Old Siwash" isn't something the radio gammen thought up—it's actually a college. (It's square monicker is Knox college, and it's in Galesburg, Ill.) . . . When Knute Rockne was captain of the Notre Dame football team, he invited his mother to see him play against University of Chicago. Rockne played more brilliantly than ever, making long runs and spectacular pass catches. After the game Knute proudly asked what she thought of the spectacle. "It was marvelous!" she said breathlessly. "That cheer-leader who turned the pinwheels was wonderful!"

As a tribute to Red Grange, the Illinois football team has never reissued his number, the famous "77," to any of its players. . . . The winner of the Minnesota-Michigan game each year gets possession of a little brown jug which cost 18 cents! (Imagine 22 grown boys fighting over that!) . . . Will Rogers once kiddingly asked Rockne if he thought his son could make the "Fighting Irish" team if he went to Notre Dame. "No doubt he could," replied Rockne, "but he might have to change his name to Rogerski or Rogeoli."

South Bend, Indiana, the home of Notre Dame, is the only town in the country with a statue honoring a football player. The player honored isn't the great Knute Rockne, as you'd suppose, but George Gipp (this star pupil) . . . Rockne has a more practical memorial. Twenty-two head coaches around the nation are men who were taught their football A, B, Cs by him. . . . Rockne's big ambition was to have his son, Knute Jr., follow in his footsteps. Last year, the lad became a candidate for halfback on the Notre Dame team. During a scrimmage, his leg was fractured and it's been so weakened that he may never be able to play football.

Rockne, who knew every trick in the book of psychology, could turn defeat into victory between halves in the locker room almost every time. During the first half of one game, the Notre Dame team played very poorly, and the half ended with a score of 7-0 in favor of their opponent. In the locker room, the Notre Dame lads burst into a cold sweat, fearing what Rockne would say. He said nothing during the entire rest period. When the second half was called, he got up and merely said, "Let's go, girls!"

Rockne, who played the flute, always insisted on taking the instrument with him to every Notre Dame game. (He had a superstition that it brought the team luck.) . . . The Navy mascot goat inherits the job, which is passed down from father to son. . . . President Woodrow Wilson was once Princeton university's football coach. (He also coached at Wesleyan.)

K. R., who had a nimble wit, was at a loss for words only once in his life, according to Warren Brown. After the Southern California game in 1930, J. P. McEvoy, the humorist, and several newspaper men gathered in Rockne's dressing room and got into a discussion of art and literature with him. Rockne took exception to one of McEvoy's arguments. "That's just as silly as my setting out to imitate Mencken," said Rockne. "Can you imagine me trying to imitate Mencken?" . . . "Why, yes," replied McEvoy.

Notes of a Newsboy

America now realizes that the road to isolation ends where it always ends, with the enemy on your doorstep. Ironically, the only way to get into this kind of trouble is to run from it. . . . Czechoslovakia thought she had isolated herself from Austria. . . . Poland thought she had isolated herself from Czechoslovakia. . . . Norway thought she had isolated herself from Finland. . . . Holland thought she had isolated herself from Norway and Denmark. . . . But each had merely isolated herself from the help that would have saved her. . . . European advocates of isolation today wear the medals of the dictators. Their own countries have disappeared.

The newsstand owner at 49th and Broadway with a sensayuma: He pinned an FDR button on Willkie's picture on Life's current cover—but right on Wendell's lapel! . . . Irving Edelson, the cab driver, who dashed into a flaming building the other day and saved two colored children, will be honored by the mayor and police commissioner with The Valorous Deed Medal. . . . Comforting Thought: The world will never belong to the Axis—because each member of the Axis thinks the world belongs to him.

Air Raids Make Things 'Interesting' in London



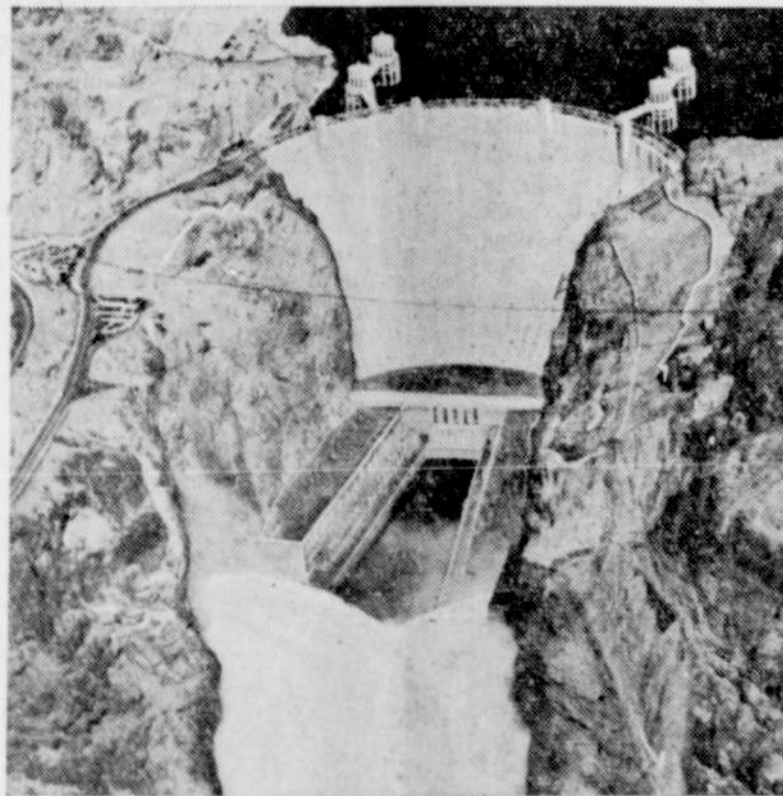
Left: While the staff of the United States embassy in London works on in the building below their feet, these members of the staff are assigned to the roof scanning the skies for Nazi planes. Should the planes come close, the warning is given. Right: Six men of the "Suicide Squad" bomb disposal unit of the Royal Engineers lift a heavy time-bomb from the crater it caused when it plunged into a West London street.

Australia Does Her Bit for Great Britain



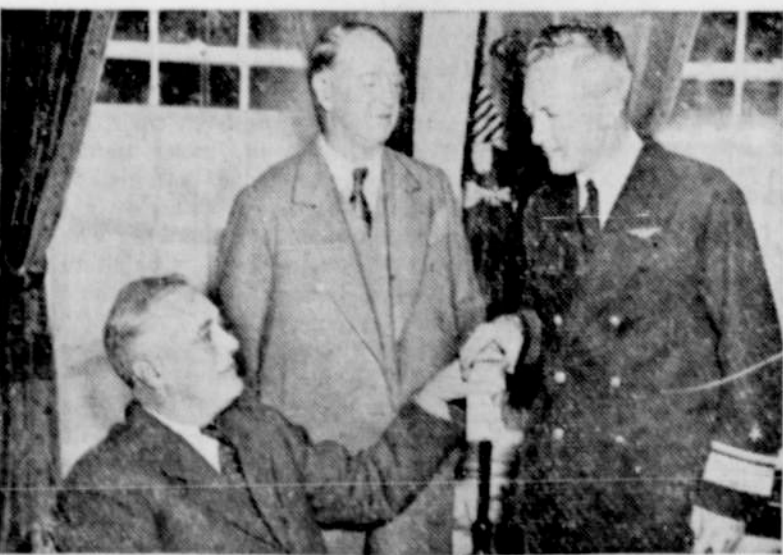
Large bombs for the royal Australian air force are pictured (left) being filled with explosives at the Commonwealth explosives factory in Maribyrong, Australia. They will be put to use against military objectives of Germany and Italy. Right: Inspecting Vickers machine guns at the small-arms factory in Lithgow, Australia, before shipping for distribution throughout the British empire.

Open Giant Boulder Dam Outlet Valves



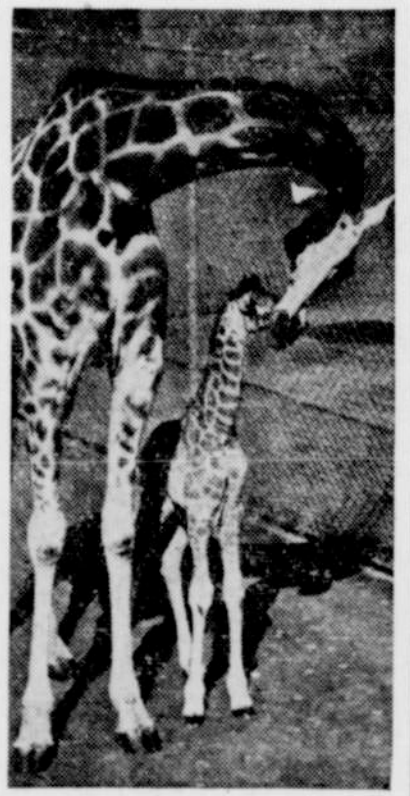
A huge man-made waterfall is shown spurting from the 11 tremendous outlet valves of the Boulder dam, in Nevada, creating a waterfall higher than Niagara. When engineers opened the valves, they sent 30,000,000 gallons of water plunging into the mighty Colorado river. Twenty thousand tourists were there.

Admiral Byrd Awarded Gold Star



President Roosevelt awards a gold star to Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, to be attached to the suspension ribbon of his Distinguished Service Medal. The award was for his recent achievements in the Antarctic. Photo shows President Roosevelt, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, and Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Six-Foot Babe



"Lulubelle" shows off her six-foot youngster at the San Francisco zoo. As excitement caused the death of her two previous babies, news of the birth was withheld for 3 days.

Educator Held



Dr. Frederick Auhagen, German citizen and former professor of languages at Columbia "U," who was arrested in Los Angeles and held for the Dies committee.

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